

Government of India  
Ministry of Women and Child Development

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 615**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.02.2016

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR WIDOWS**

615. SHRI C.R. PATIL :

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of widows who are getting benefits/ proposed to be given the benefit under the Skill Development Programme;
- (b) whether the branches for the skill development programme have started their works, State/ UT-wise; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SMT. MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry has been administering 'Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) Scheme' since 1986-87 as a 'Central Sector Scheme'. The STEP Scheme aims to provide skills that give employability to women and to provide competencies and skill that enable women to become self-employed/ entrepreneurs. The Scheme is intended to benefit women who are in the age group of 16 years and above across the country including widows.

Since this is a demand driven programme, proposals under this scheme are submitted by eligible institutions/ organizations including NGOs and the grant-in-aid is given to them directly, not to the State/ UT.

State/ UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the Scheme during the last three years and current year is at Annexure-I.

The State/UT-wise number of projects sanctioned during the last 3 years and current year is at Annexure-II.

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State/ UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered during the last three years and current year (upto 15.02.2016)

S. No.	STATES	Beneficiaries covered			
		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	Andhra Pradesh	151	2100	800	2000
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	50	-	250
3	Assam	139	754	50	250
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-
5	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	-
6	Gujarat	-	-	-	-
7	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-
8	Haryana	166	-	-	-
9	Jammu & Kashmir	922	2800	5500	-
10	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-
11	Kerala	2171	-	770	-
12	Karnataka	12769	17076	6666	5898
13	Madhya Pradesh	110	1400	520	725
14	Maharashtra	641	-	3609	125
15	Manipur	1709	536	1505	1600
16	Meghalaya	-	-	-	-
17	Mizoram	-	-	-	-
18	Nagaland	2763	300	563	-
19	Orissa	500	-	250	-
20	Punjab	-	3537	5000	-
21	Rajasthan	-	-	250	-
22	Sikkim	-	-	-	-
23	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-
24	Tripura	-	-	-	-
25	Uttaranchal	1152	2125	3180	-
26	Uttar Pradesh	7150	200	1810	760
27	West Bengal	138	600	480	-
28	Delhi	-	-	-	-
29	For evaluation study	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30481</b>	<b>31478</b>	<b>30953</b>	<b>11608</b>

**Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha UnstarredQ.No. 615 to be answered on 26.02.2016 regarding Support to Training and Employment Programme****State/ UT-wise number of projects sanctioned during the last three years and current year (upto 15.02.2016)**

S. No.	STATES	Number of projects sanctioned			
		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	1	-	2
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2	-	-	-
3	Assam	1	1	2	-
4	Bihar	-	-	-	8
5	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	3
6	Haryana	-	-	-	3
7	Jammu & Kashmir	1	-	-	3
8	Jharkhand	-	-	-	2
9	Kerala	1	-	-	2
10	Karnataka	-	2	1	3
11	Madhya Pradesh	-	2	2	5
12	Maharashtra	-	2	-	5
13	Manipur	4	2	12	-
14	Mizoram	-	-	1	-
15	Nagaland	1	1	1	-
16	Orissa	-	-	-	4
17	Rajasthan	-	-	3	4
18	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	3
19	Uttaranchal	1	-	-	6
20	Uttar Pradesh	2	3	1	30
21	Delhi	-	-	-	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>87</b>

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